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GOVERNOR BARBOUR HOSTS SMALL BUSINESS FORUM
September 15 Event Focuses on Healthcare, Energy

Jackson, Mississippi – Two major issues with a huge impact on Mississippi's small businesses will take center stage on Tuesday as Governor Haley Barbour holds a Small Business Forum at the Jackson Convention Complex. The forum is scheduled from 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. and will focus on healthcare and energy, as well as an announcement of a new state initiative designed to benefit small employers.

"Mississippi has more than 46,000 small businesses that employ more than 96 percent of the state's workforce, so it's important for them to have the latest information on issues that directly affect them and their employees. Healthcare and energy are two of the biggest ones," Governor Barbour said. "I invite all interested small businesses to join me at this forum to learn more about these issues."

The forum, co-sponsored by the National Federation of Independent Business, the Mississippi Manufacturers Association, and the Mississippi Economic Council, will feature presentations on healthcare and energy and will allow ample time for questions from attendees.

It is open to the public and media, and there is no charge to attend. To register, e-mail rstaples@governor.state.ms.us or call the Governor's Office at 601.359.3150.

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